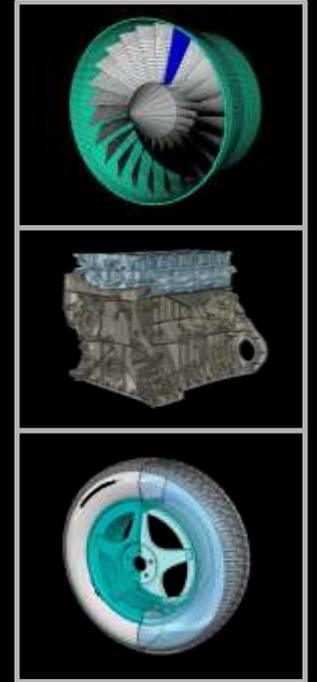


# NVIDIA Experiences with Porting Large-Scale Engineering Codes to GPUs



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# NVIDIA Introduction and HPC Evolution of GPUs



- Public, based in Santa Clara, CA | ~\$4B revenue | ~5,500 employees
- Founded in 1999 with primary business in semiconductor industry
  - Products for graphics in workstations, notebooks, mobile devices, etc.
  - Began R&D of GPUs for HPC in 2004, released first Tesla and CUDA in 2007
- Development of GPUs as a co-processing accelerator for x86 CPUs

## HPC Evolution of GPUs

- 2004: Began strategic investments in GPU as HPC co-processor
- 2006: G80 first GPU with built-in compute features, 128 cores; CUDA SDK Beta
- 2007: Tesla 8-series based on G80, 128 cores – CUDA 1.0, 1.1
- 2008: Tesla 10-series based on GT 200, 240 cores – CUDA 2.0, 2.3
- 2009: Tesla 20-series, code named “Fermi” up to 512 cores – CUDA SDK 3.0

3 Generations of  
Tesla in 3 Years

# How NVIDIA Tesla GPUs are Deployed in Systems



## Data Center Products

Tesla M205 /  
M2070 Adapter



Tesla S2050  
1U System



## Workstation

Tesla C2050 / C2070  
Workstation Board



GPUs	1 Tesla GPU	4 Tesla GPUs	1 Tesla GPU
Single Precision	1030 Gigaflops	4120 Gigaflops	1030 Gigaflops
Double Precision	515 Gigaflops	2060 Gigaflops	515 Gigaflops
Memory	3 GB / 6 GB	12 GB (3 GB / GPU)	3 GB / 6 GB
Memory B/W	148 GB/s	148 GB/s	144 GB/s

# Engineering Disciplines and Related Software



- Computational Structural Mechanics (CSM) implicit for strength (stress) and vibration
  - Structural strength at minimum weight, low-frequency oscillatory loading, fatigue
    - ANSYS; ABAQUS/Standard; MSC.Nastran; NX Nastran; Marc
  
- Computational Structural Mechanics (CSM) explicit for impact loads; structural failure
  - Impact over short duration; contacts – crashworthiness, jet engine blade failure, bird-strike
    - LS-DYNA; ABAQUS/Explicit; PAM-CRASH; RADIOSS
  
- Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) for flow of liquids (~water) and gas (~air)
  - Aerodynamics; propulsion; reacting flows; multiphase; cooling/heat transfer
    - ANSYS FLUENT; STAR-CD; STAR-CCM+; CFD++; ANSYS CFX; AcuSolve; PowerFLOW
  
- Computational Electromagnetics (CEM) for EM compatibility, interference, radar
  - EMC for sensors, controls, antennas; low observable signatures; radar-cross-section
    - ANSYS HFSS; ANSYS Maxwell; ANSYS SIwave; XFDTD; FEKO; Xpatch; SIGLBC; CARLOS; MM3D



# Motivation for CPU Acceleration with GPUs



## IDC's Top 10 HPC Market Predictions for 2010

February 17, 2010

### 6. x86 Processors Will Dominate, But GPGPUs Will Gain Traction as x86 Hits the Wall



- x86 processors went from near-zero to hero in HPC in the past decade, largely replacing RISC.
- x86 will continue to dominate, but GPGPUs will start making their presence felt more in 2010.
- Multiple Large HPC procurements have substantial GPGPU content.
  - GPGPUs play a crucial role in ORNL's planned exascale system.
- GPGPUs provide more peak/Linpack flops per dollar for politics and will inevitably provide more sustained flops for suitable applications.
- In 2010, some ISVs will announce plans to redesign their apps with GPGPUs in mind.





# GPU Progress Status for Engineering Codes

## GPU Status

## Structural Mechanics

## Fluid Dynamics

## Electromagnetics

Available Today

ANSYS Mechanical

ACUSOLVE

Nexxim

AFEA

Moldflow

EMPro

Abaqus/Standard (beta)

Culises (OpenFOAM)

Particleworks

CST MS  
 XFDTD

SEMCAD X

Release Coming in 2011

LS-DYNA *implicit*

CFD++

Marc

LS-DYNA CFD

Xpatch

Product Evaluation

RADIOSS *implicit*

CFD-ACE+

PAM-CRASH *implicit*

FloEFD

MD Nastran

Abaqus/CFD

NX Nastran

Research Evaluation

LS-DYNA

FLUENT/CFX

HFSS

Abaqus/Explicit

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# GPU Considerations for Engineering Codes



- **Initial efforts are linear solvers on GPU, but it's not enough**
  - Linear solvers ~50% of profile time -- only 2x speed-up is possible
  - **More of application will be moved to GPUs in progressive stages**
- **Most codes use a parallel domain decomposition method**
  - This fits GPU model very well and preserves costly MPI investment
- **All codes are parallel and scale across multiple CPU cores**
  - Fair GPU vs. CPU comparisons should be CPU-socket-to-GPU-socket
  - Comparisons presented here are made against 4-core Nehalem

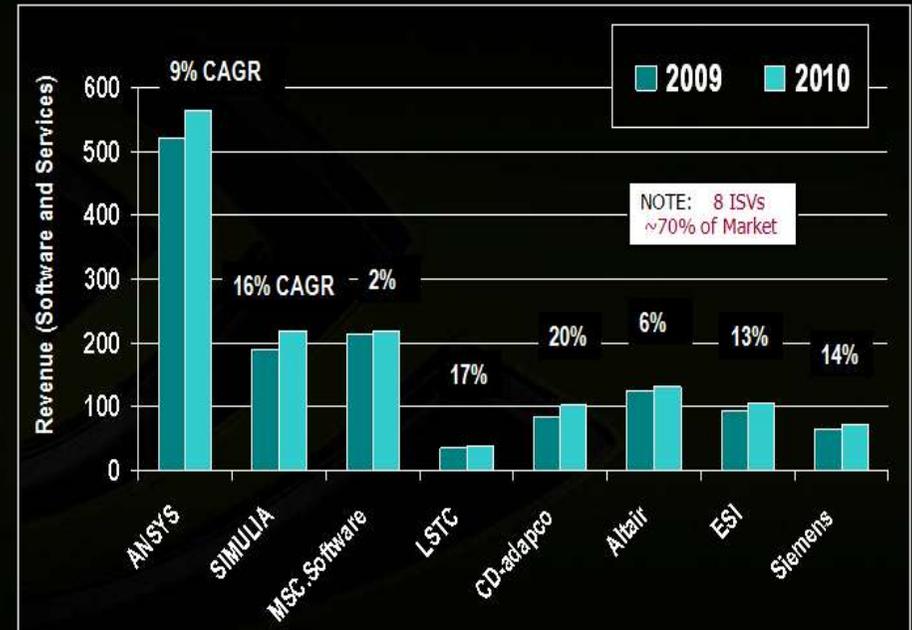
# Leading ISVs Who Develop Engineering Codes



## ISV

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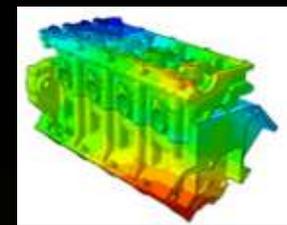
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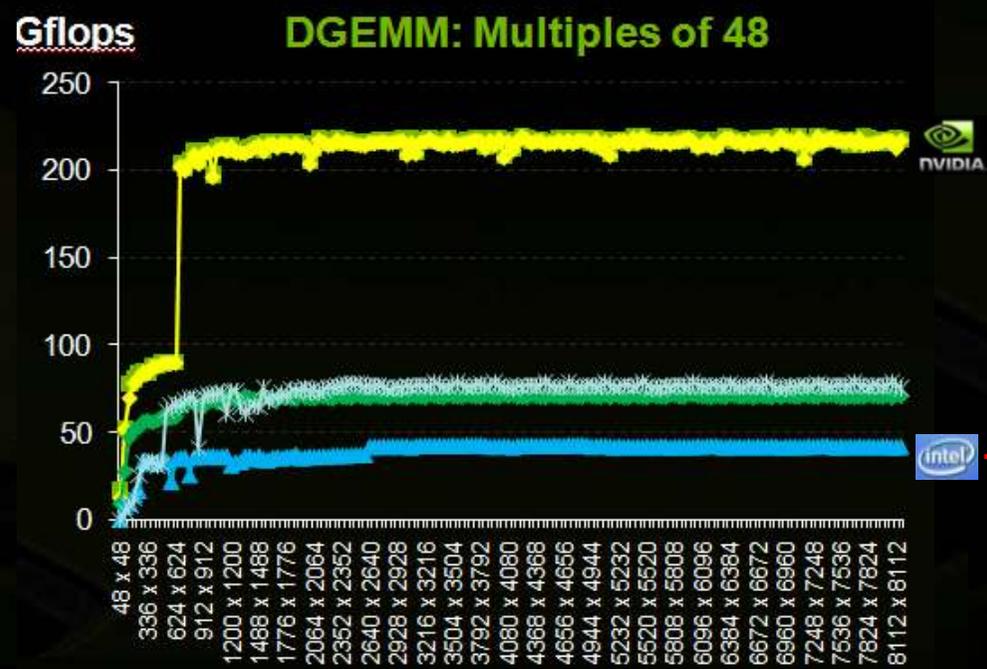
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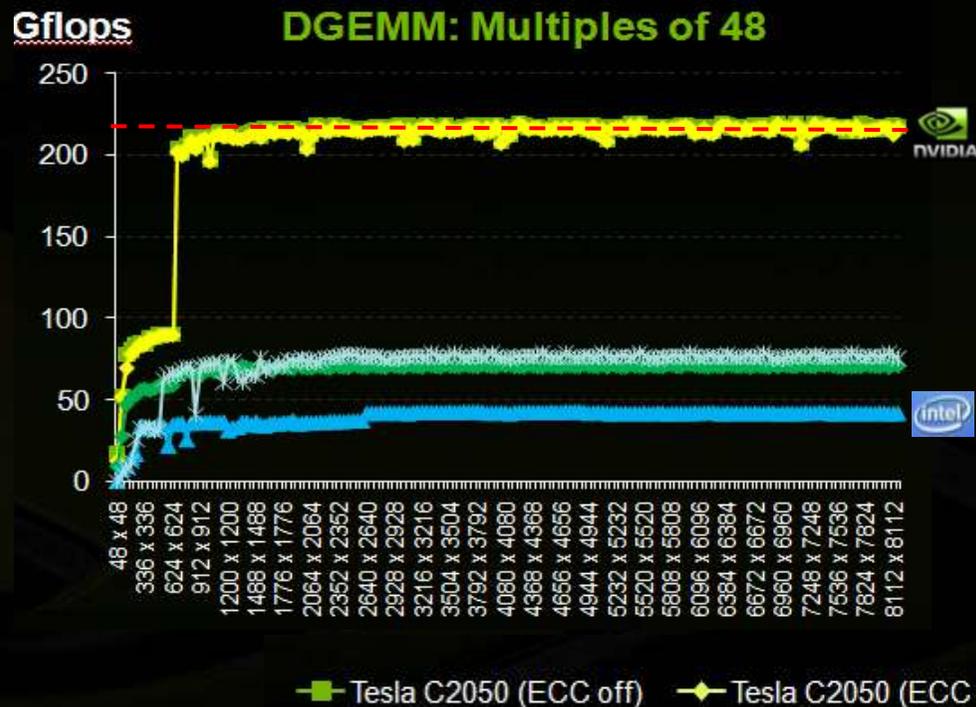


**Tesla C2050 4x Faster DGEMM vs. QC Nehalem**

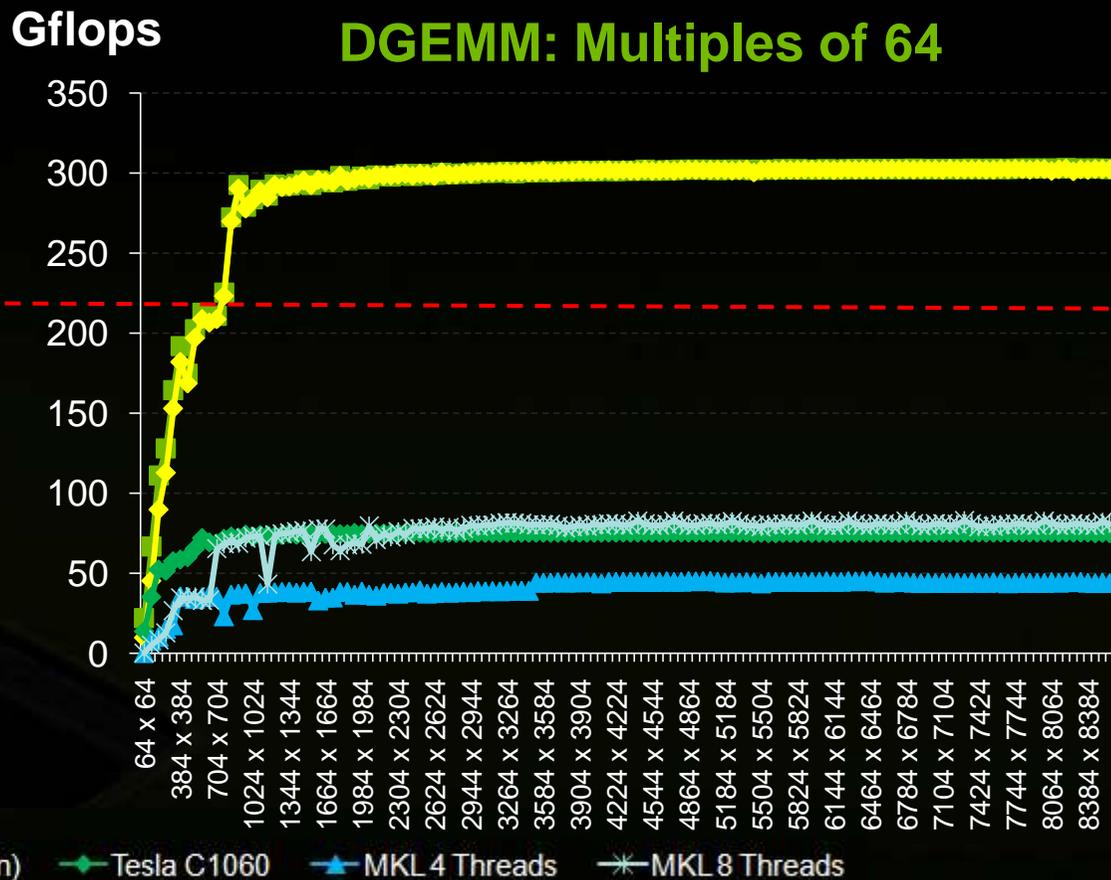
- Tesla C2050 (ECC off)    ◆ Tesla C2050 (ECC on)
- ◆ Tesla C1060    ▲ MKL 4 Threads    ✱ MKL 8 Threads

**cuBLAS 3.1: NVIDIA Tesla C1060, Tesla C2050 (Fermi)**  
**MKL 10.2.4.32: Quad-Core Intel Xeon 5550, 2.67 GHz**

# DGEMM Improved 36% With CUDA 3.2 (Nov 10)



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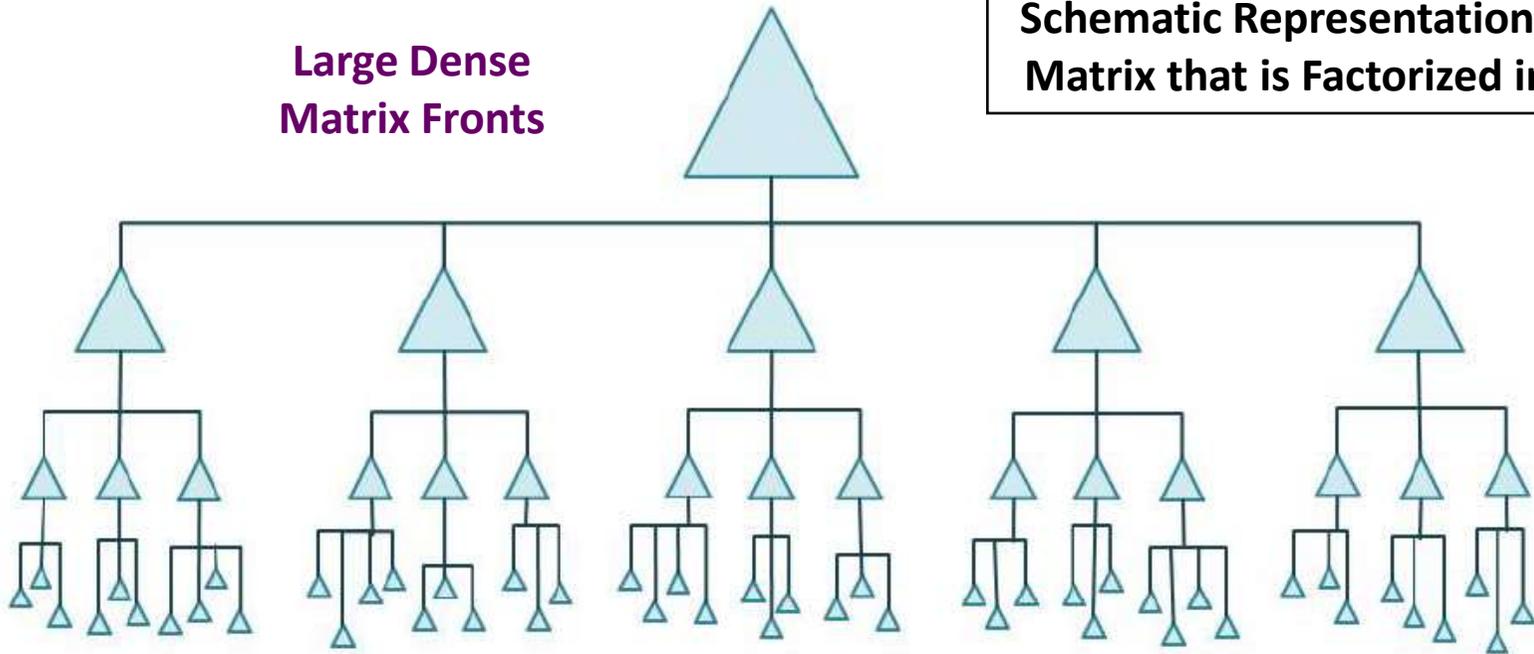
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Schematic Representation of Stiffness Matrix that is Factorized in the Solver



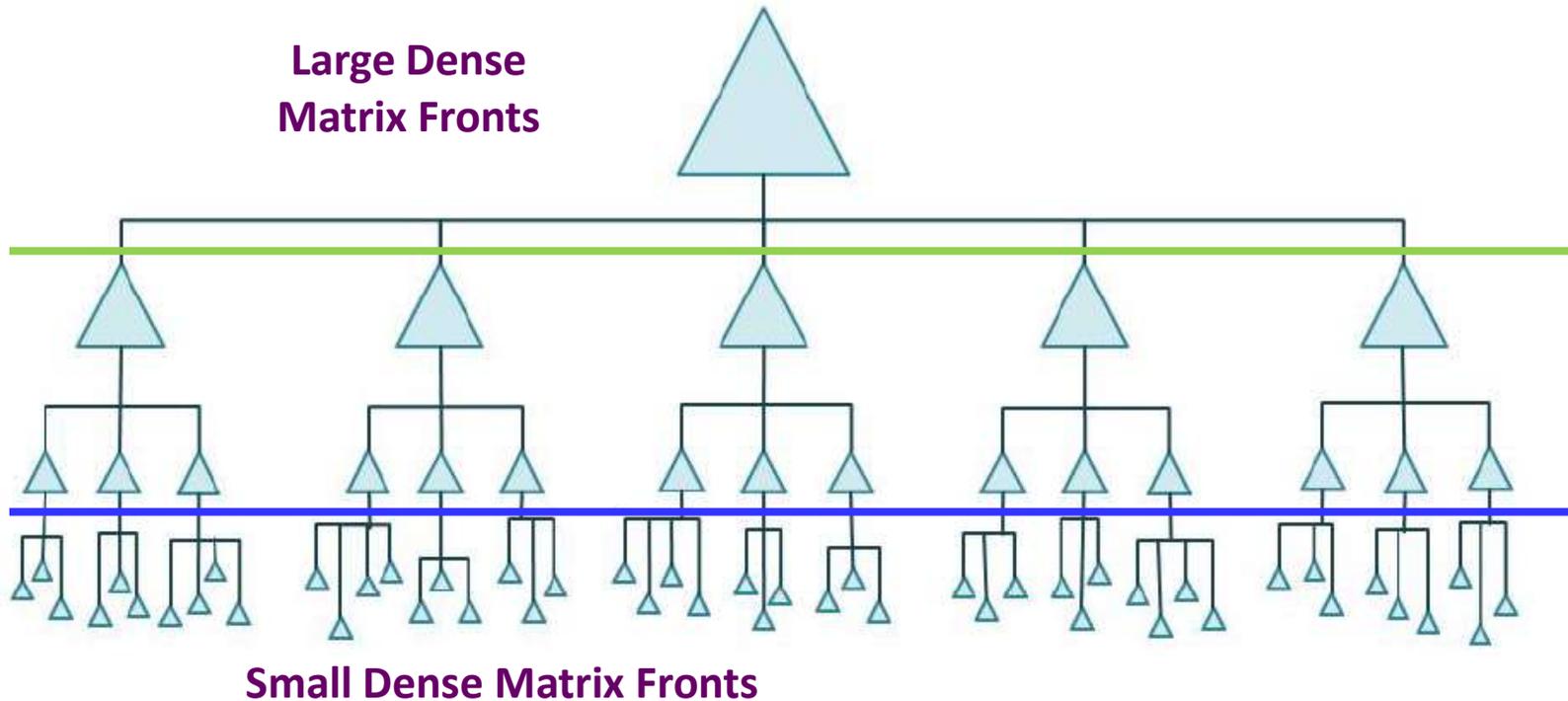
Large Dense Matrix Fronts

Small Dense Matrix Fronts

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**Upper threshold:**  
Fronts too large for single GPU memory need multiple GPUs

**Lower threshold:**  
Fronts too small to overcome PCIe data transfer costs stay on CPU cores

# ANSYS Performance Study by HP and NVIDIA



## HP ProLiant SL390 Server Configuration

- Single server node – 12 total CPU cores, 1 GPU
- 2 x Xeon X5650 HC 2.67 GHz CPUs (Westmere)
- 48 GB memory – 12 x 4GB 1333 MHz DIMMs
- NVIDIA Tesla M2050 GPU with 3 GB memory
- RHEL5.4, MKL 10.25, NVIDIA CUDA 3.1 – 256.40
- *Study conducted at HP by Domain Engineering*



HP SL390  
Server



NVIDIA Tesla  
M2050 GPU

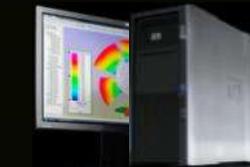


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HP Z800  
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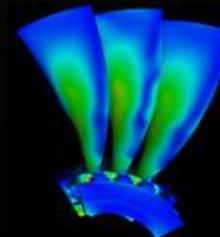


NVIDIA Tesla  
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## ANSYS Mechanical Model – V12sp-5

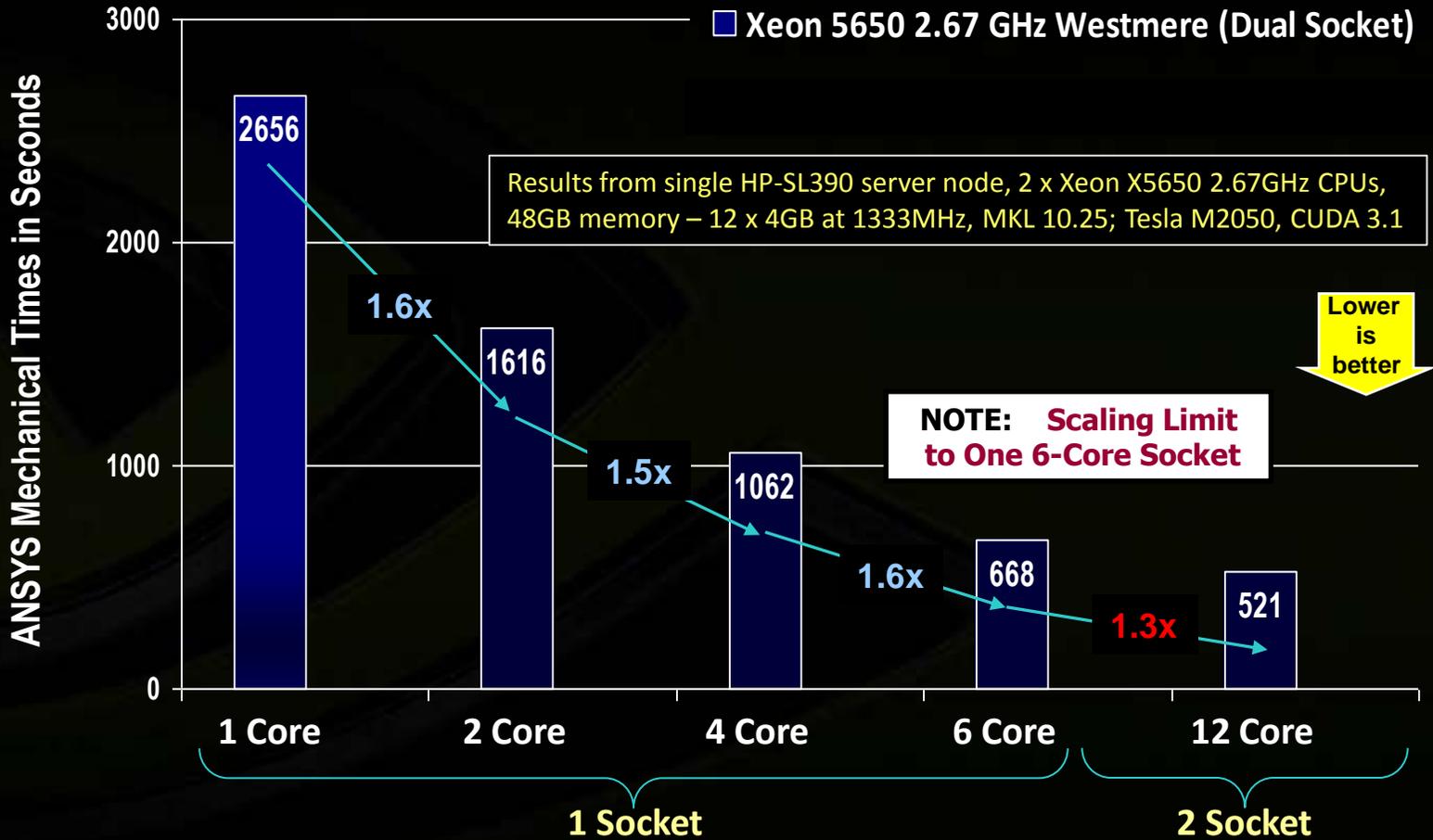
- Turbine geometry, 2,100 K DOF and SOLID187 FE's
- Single load step, static, large deflection nonlinear
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ANSYS

# ANSYS Mechanical for Westmere GPU Server

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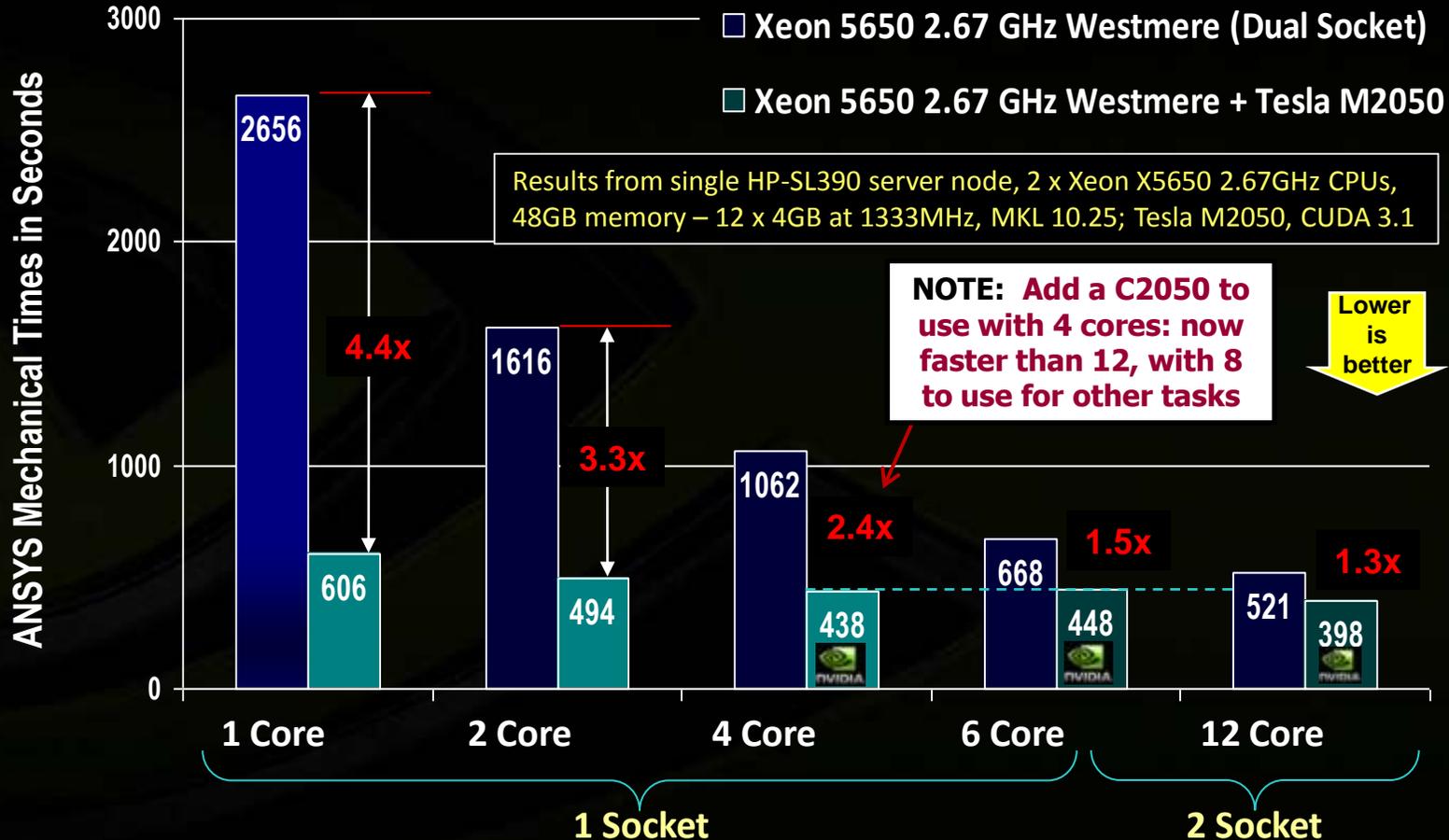


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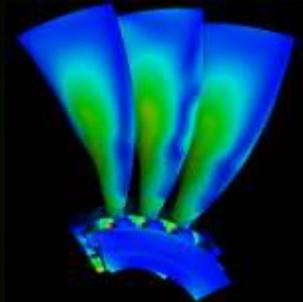
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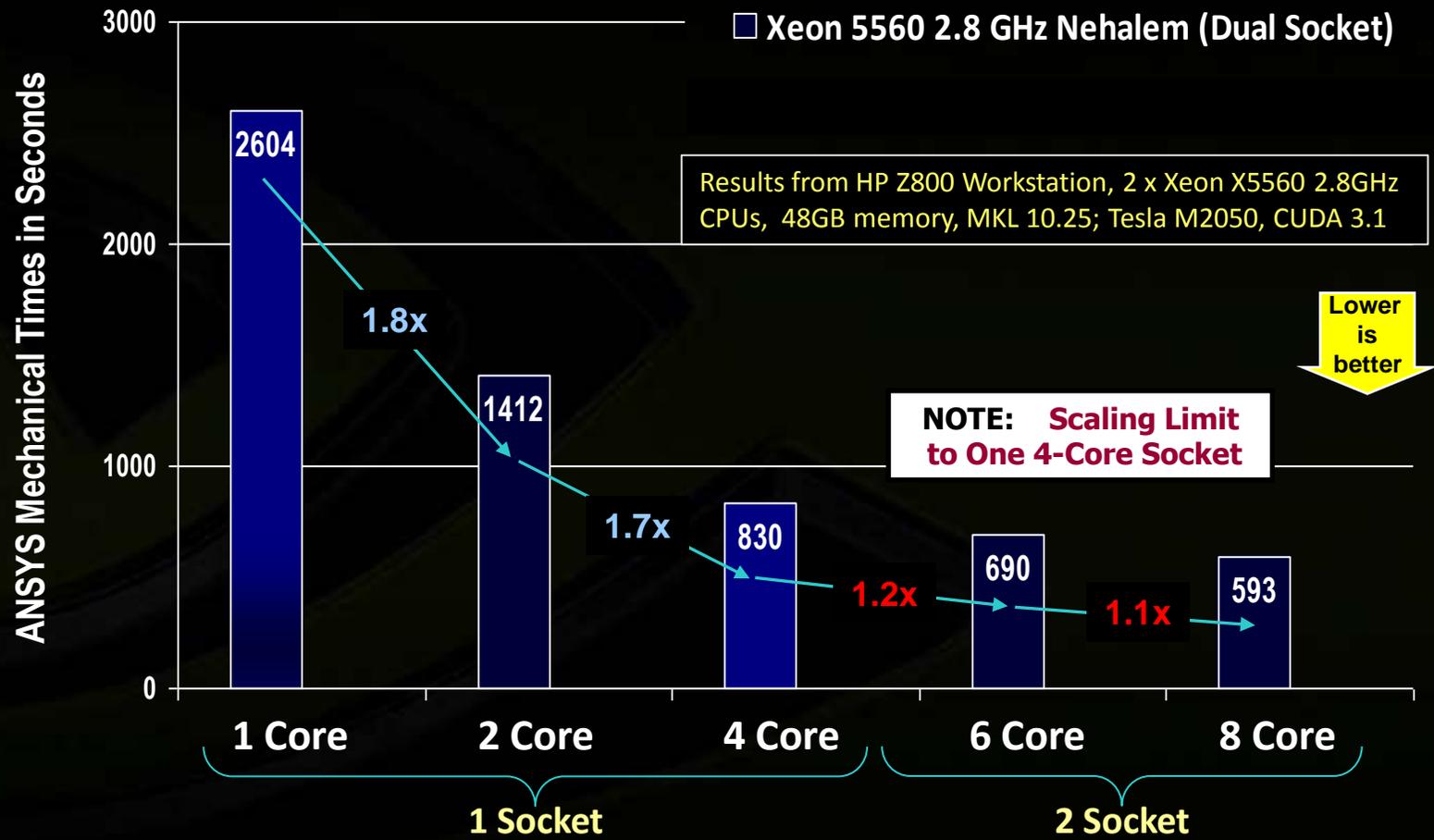


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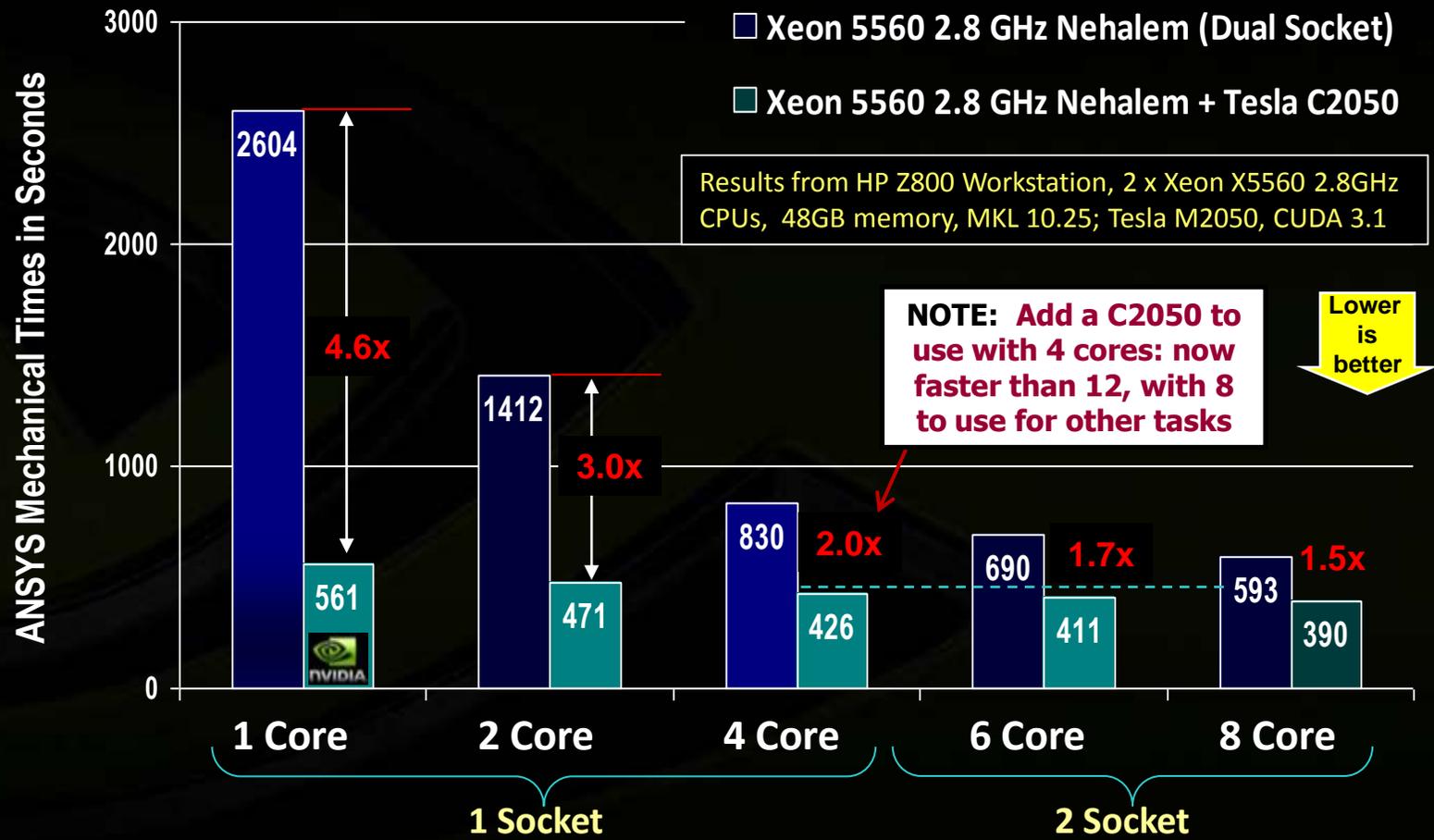
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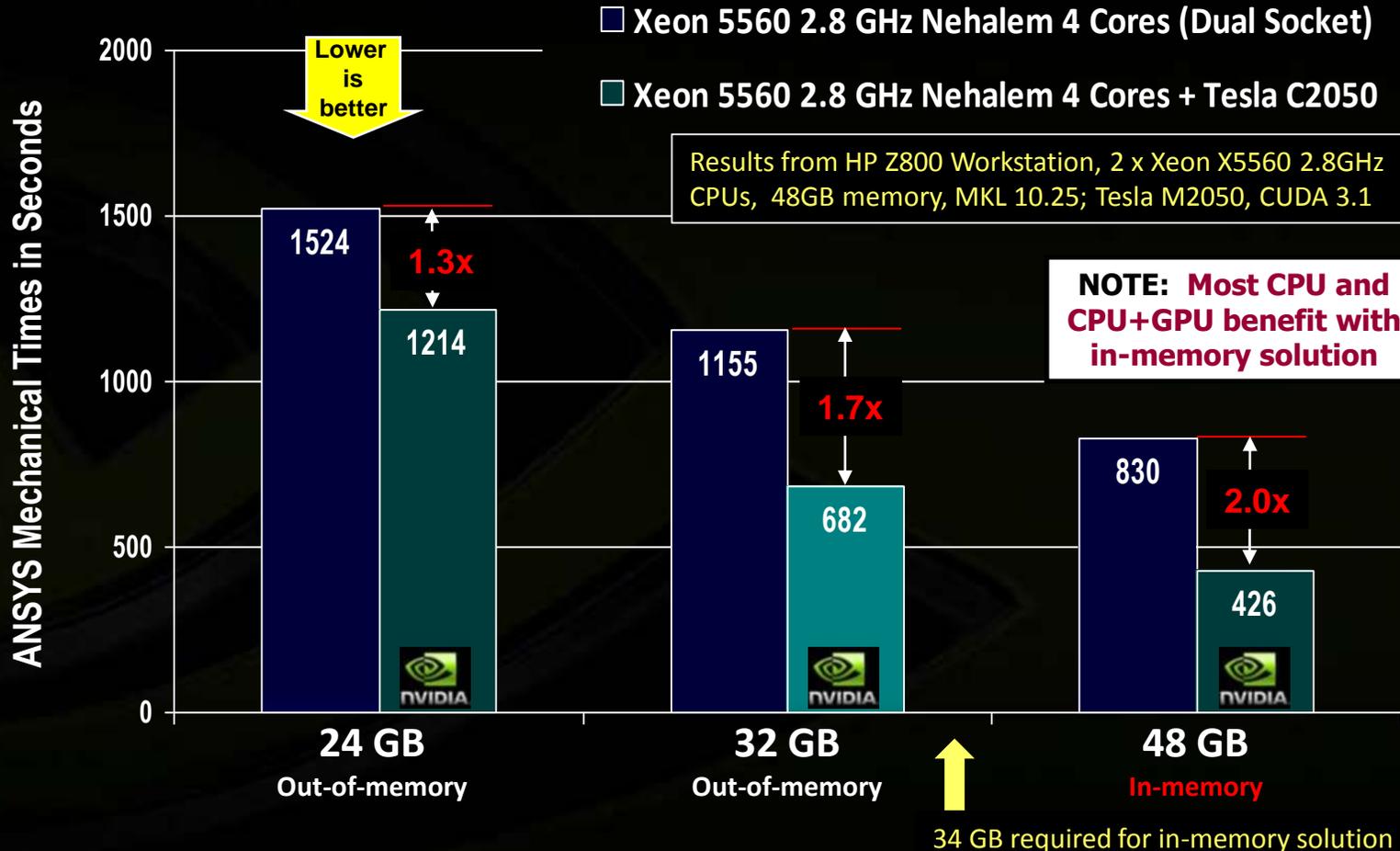
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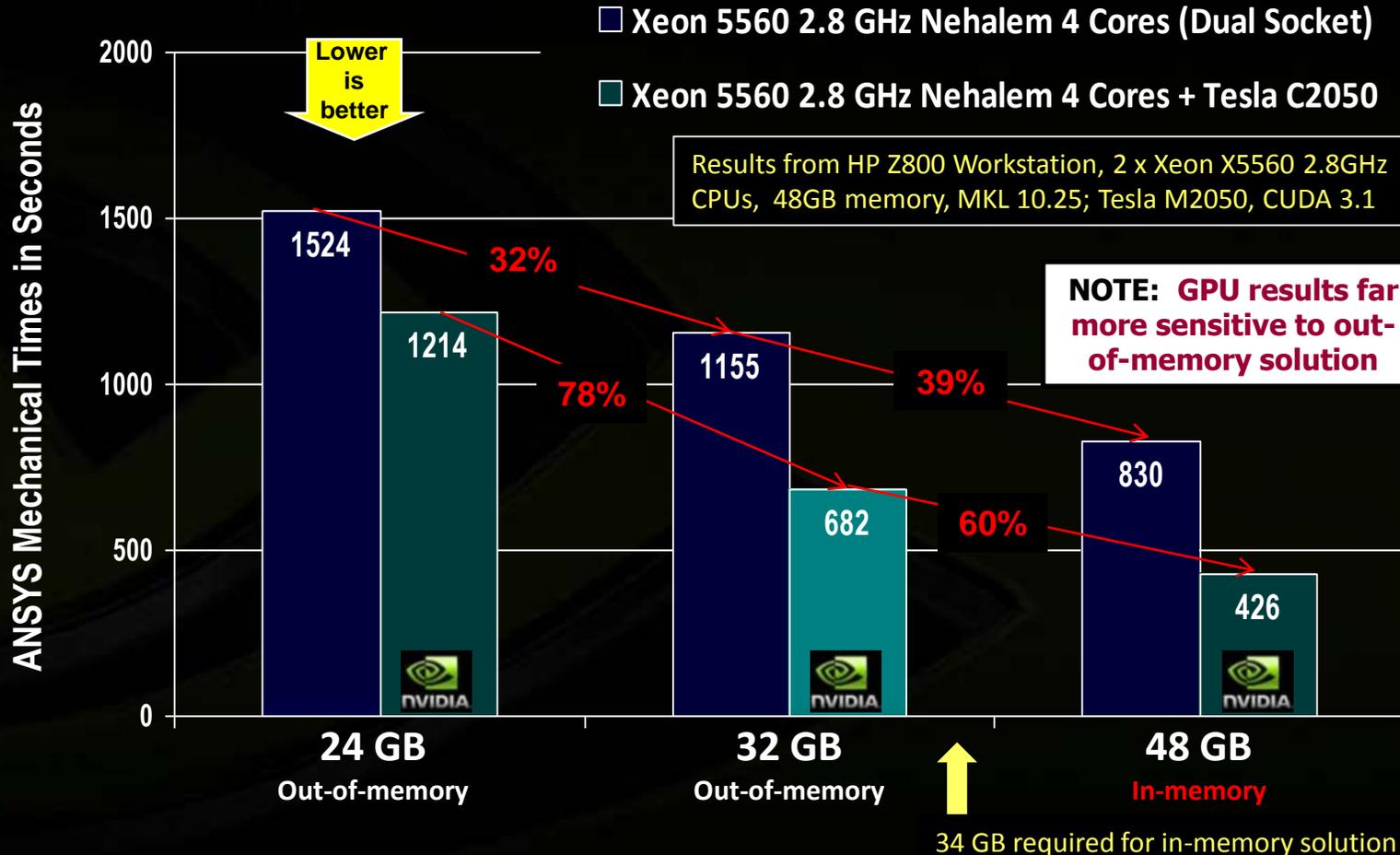
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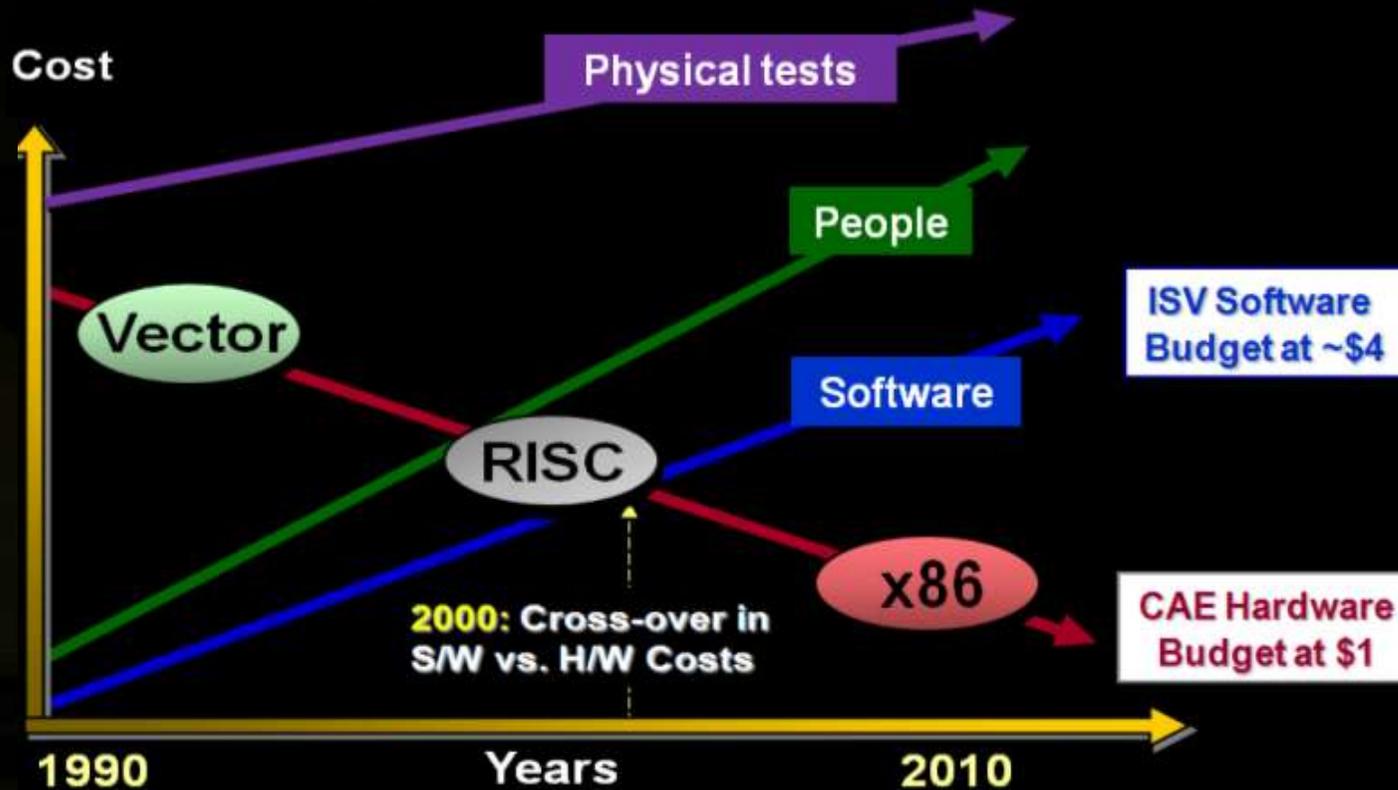


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# Economics of Engineering Codes in Practice

**Cost Trends in CAE Deployment:** Costs in People and Software Continue to Increase

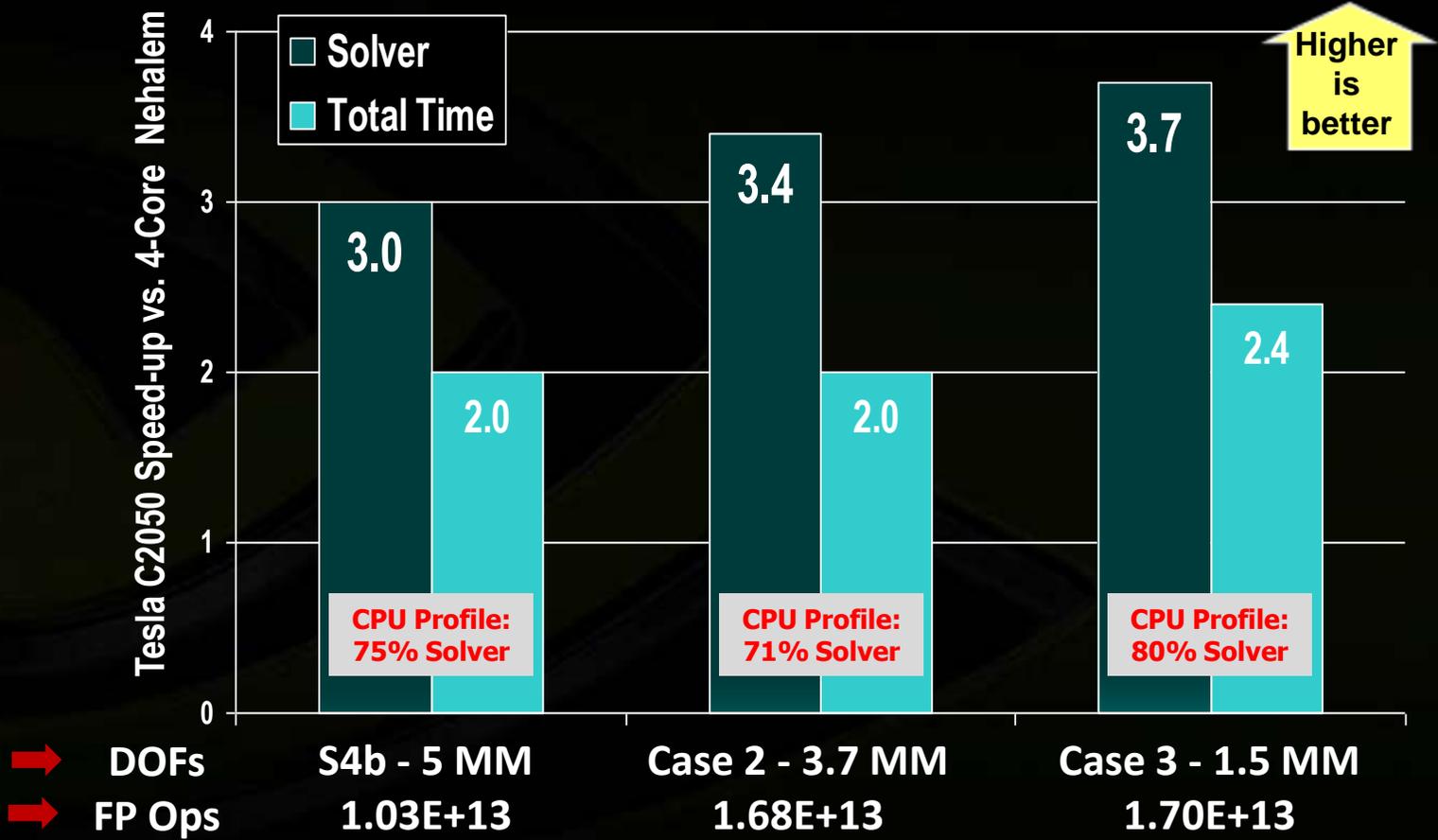


- Historically hardware very expensive vs. ISV software and people
- Software budgets are now 4x vs. hardware
- Increasingly important that hardware choices drive cost efficiency in people and software

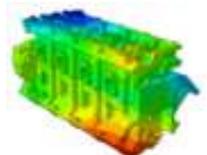
# Abaqus/Standard for Nehalem GPU Workstation



**Abaqus/Standard:** Based on v6.10-EF Direct Solver – Tesla C2050, CUDA 3.1 vs. 4-core Nehalem



**Source:** SIMULIA Customer Conference, 27 May 2010:  
*“Current and Future Trends of High Performance Computing with Abaqus”*  
 Presentation by Matt Dunbar



**S4b:** Engine Block Model of 5 MM DOF

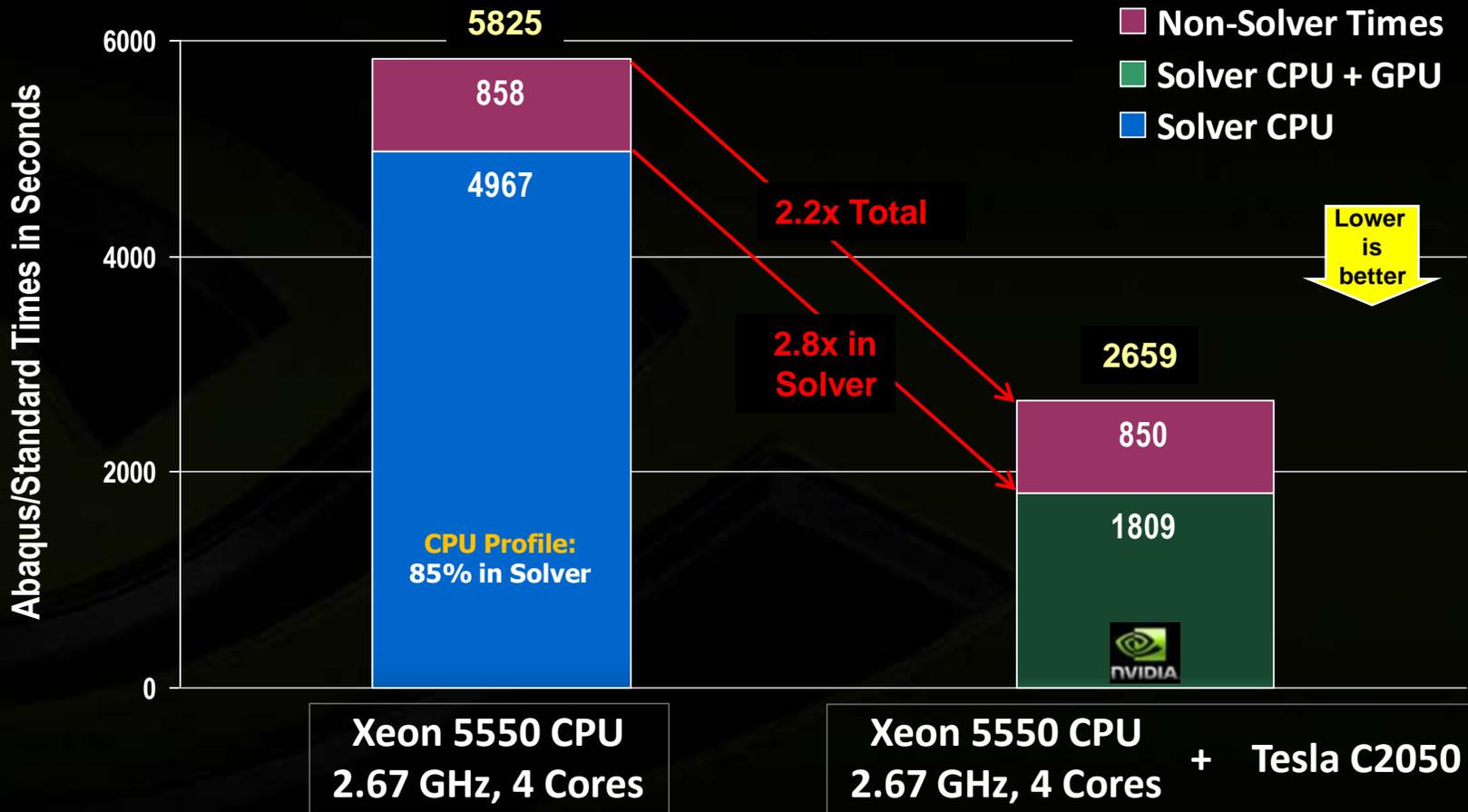
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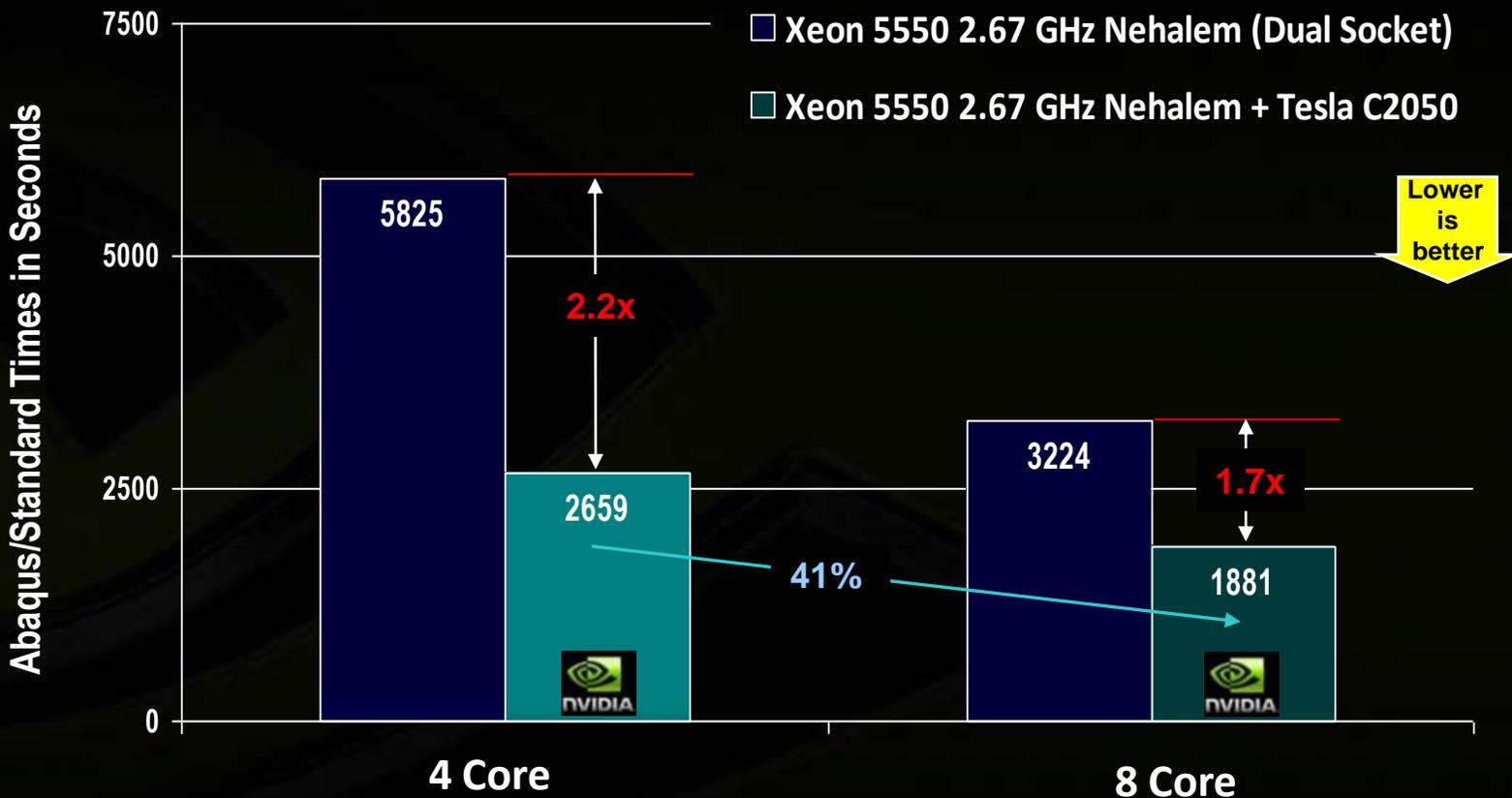
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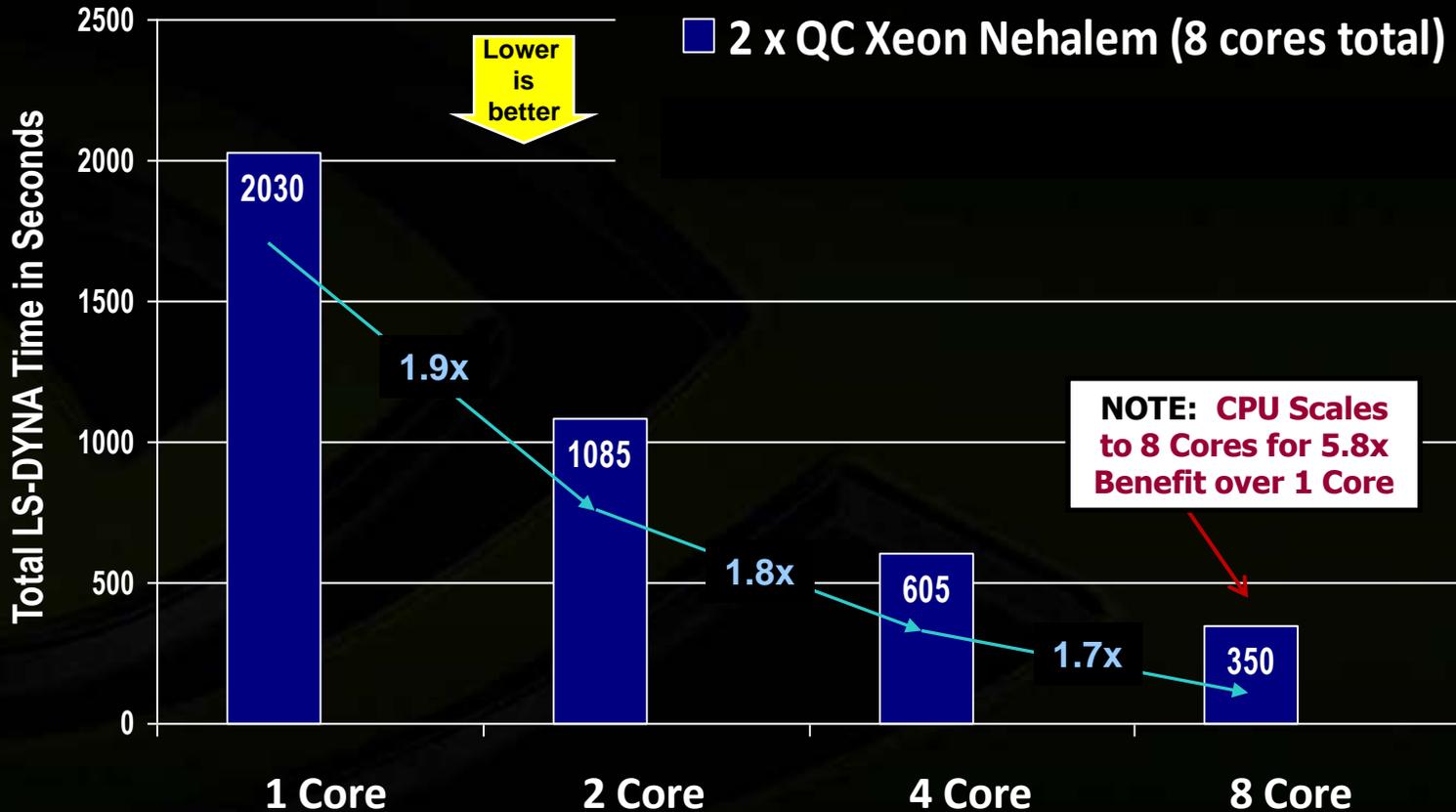
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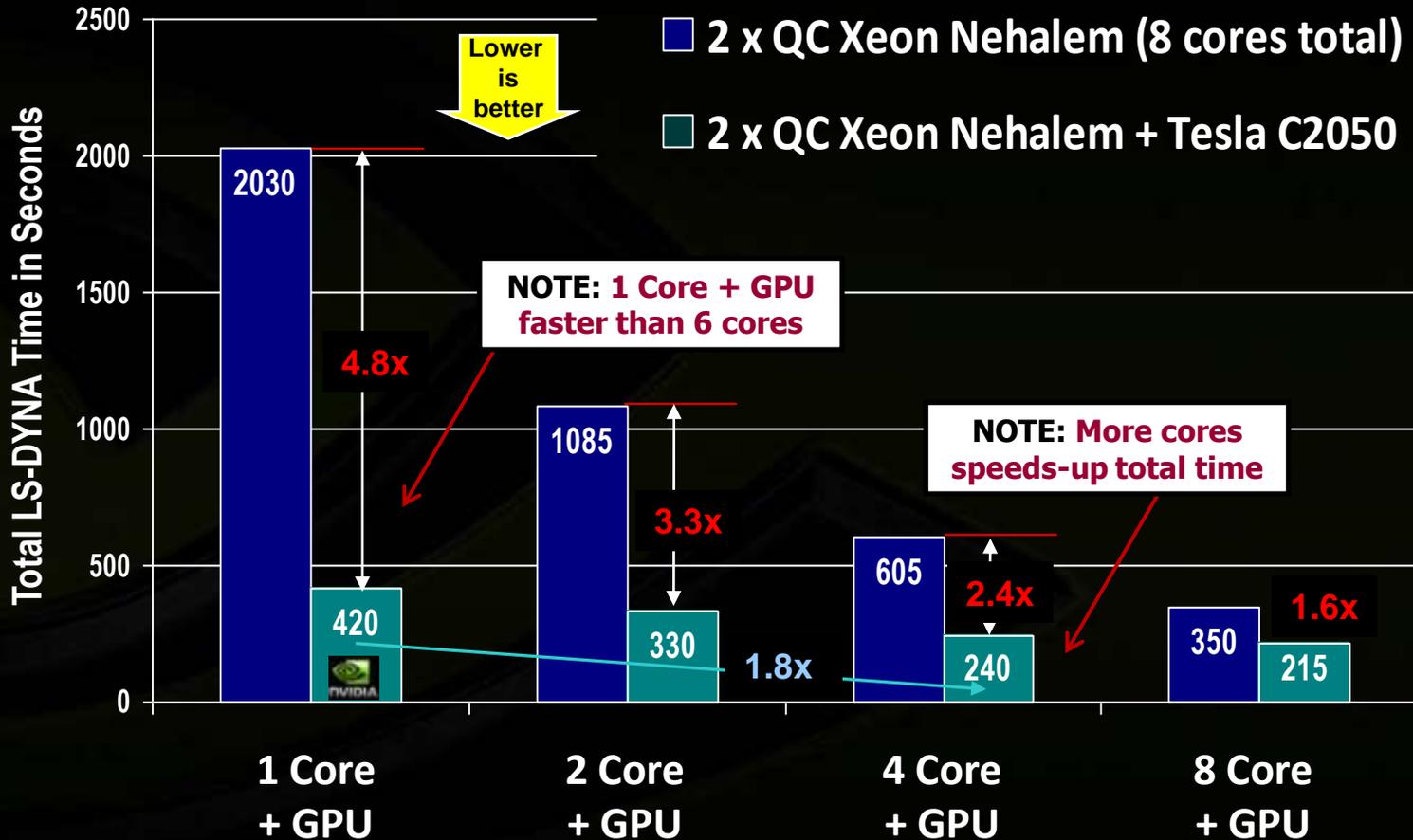
**Results for CPU-only**



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**Add GPU Acceleration**



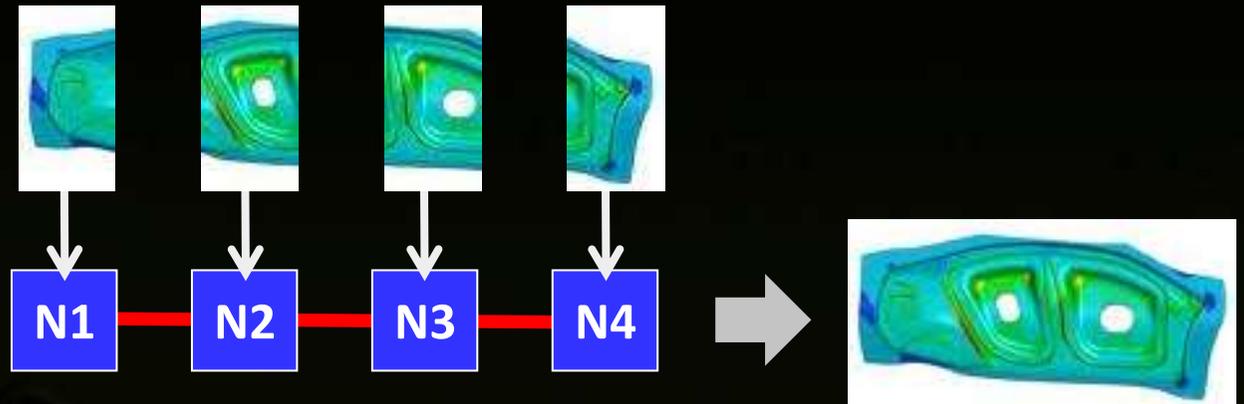
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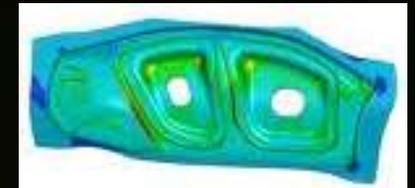
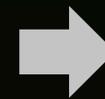
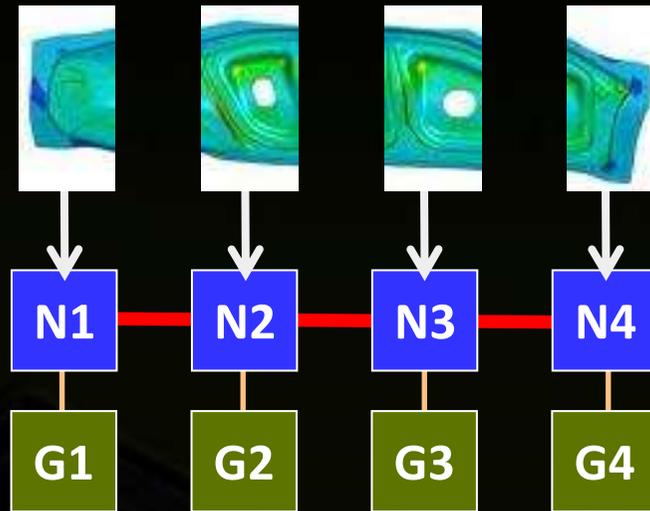
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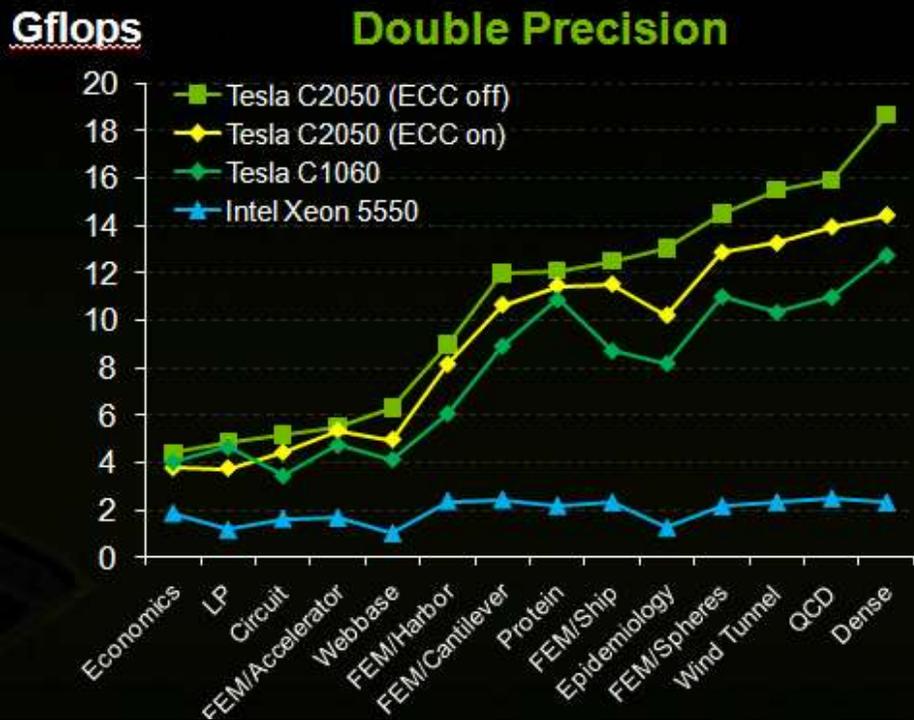
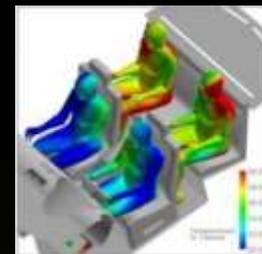
A partition would be mapped to a GPU and provide shared memory OpenMP parallel – a 2<sup>nd</sup> level of parallelism in a hybrid model

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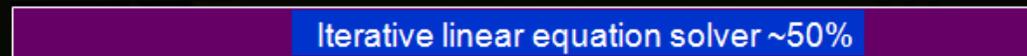


## #2 Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)

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Typical Computational Profile of CFD (implicit)



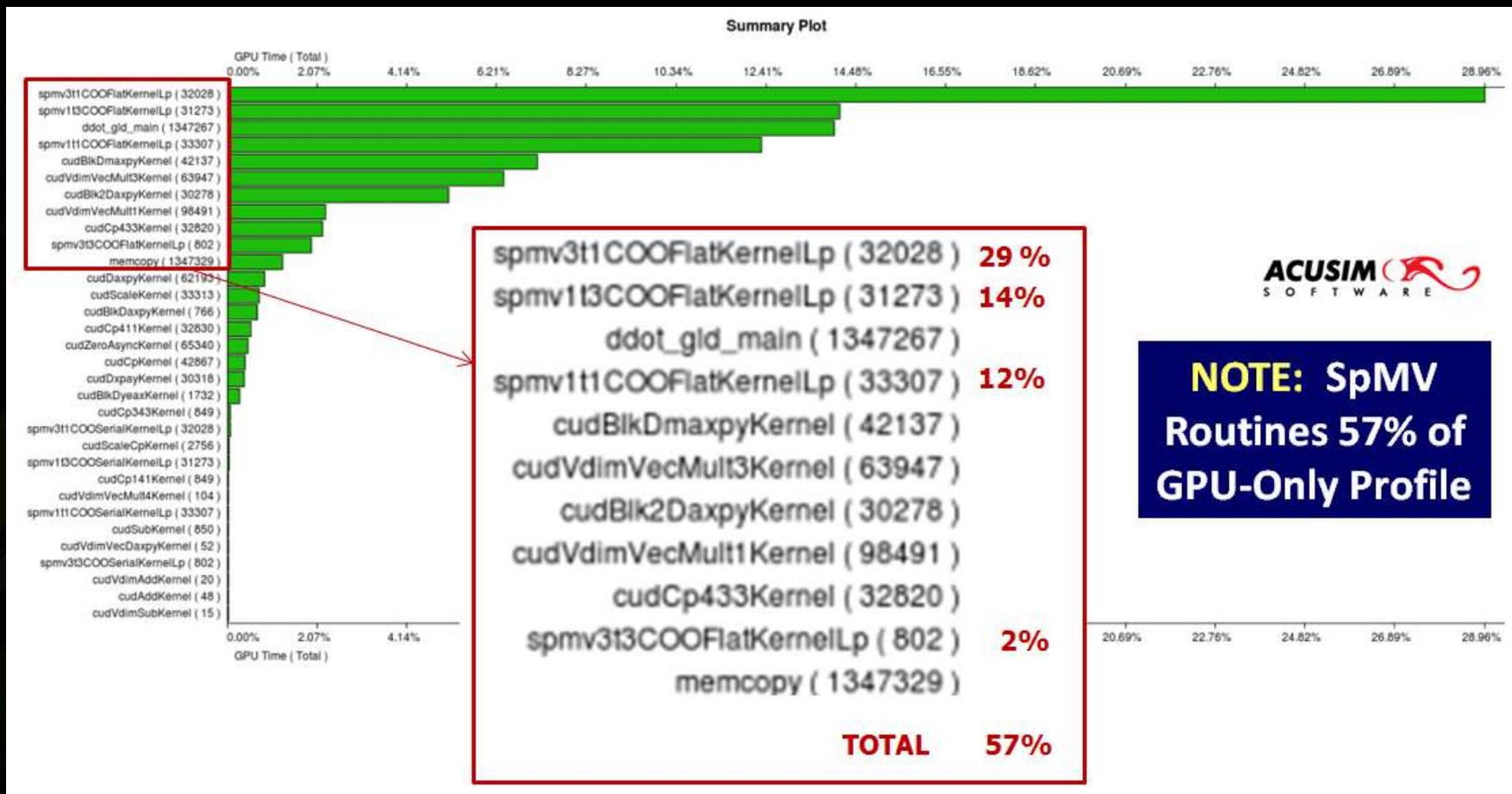
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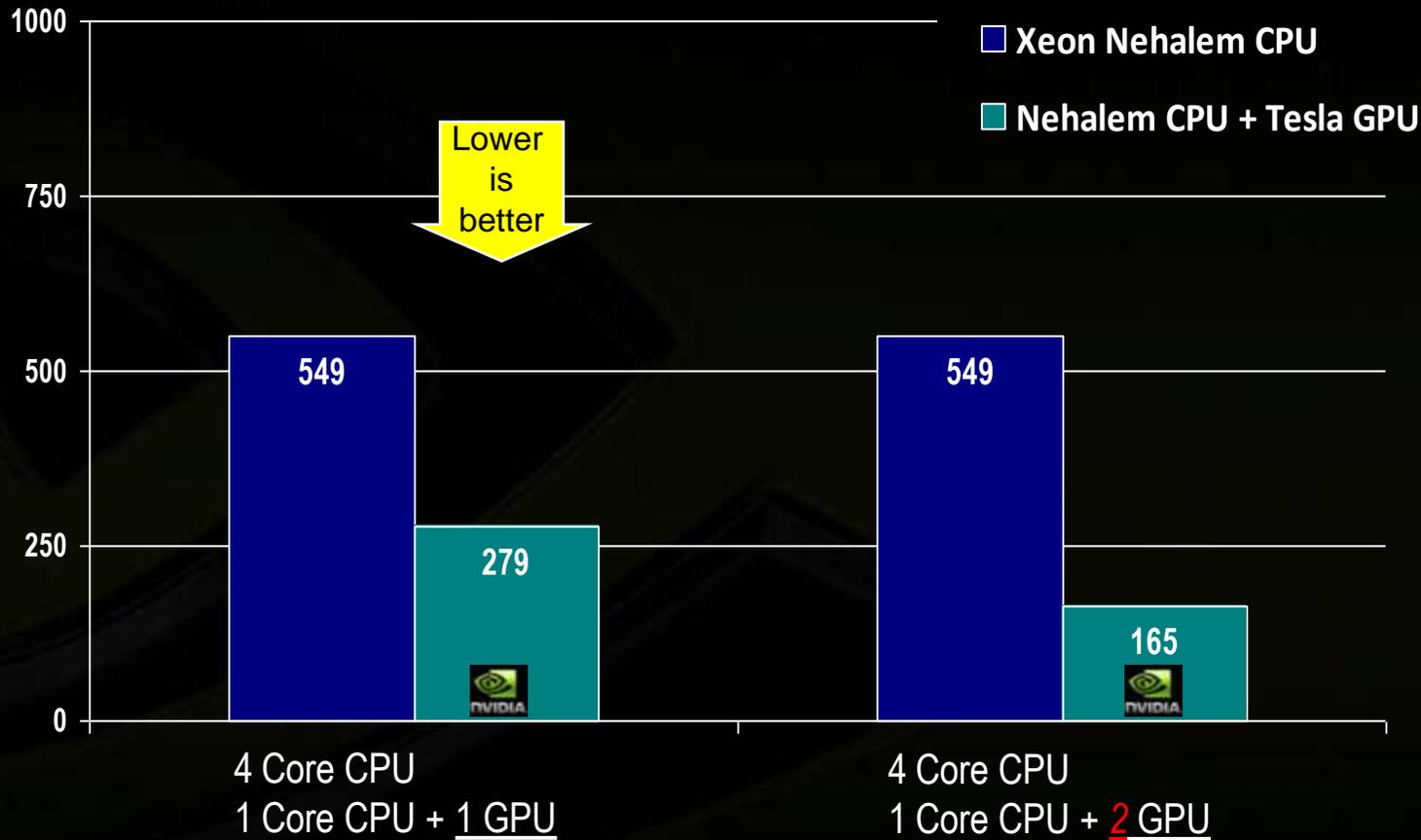
**Acusolve: Profile is SpMV Dominant but Substantial Portion Still on CPU**



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**AcuSolve:** Comparison of Multi-Core Xeon CPU vs. Xeon CPU + Tesla GPU



S-duct with 80K DOF  
Hybrid MPI/Open MP  
for Multi-GPU test

# CFD Developments and Publications on GPUs



## 48<sup>th</sup> AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting | Jan 2010 | Orlando, FL, USA

**FEFLO:** Porting of an Edge-Based CFD Solver to GPUs  
[AIAA-2010-0523] Andrew Corrigan, Ph.D., Naval Research Lab; Rainald Lohner, Ph.D., GMU



**FAST3D:** Using GPU on HPC Applications to Satisfy Low Power Computational Requirement  
[AIAA-2010-0524] Gopal Patnaik, Ph.D., US Naval Research Lab



**OVERFLOW:** Rotor Wake Modeling with a Coupled Eulerian and Vortex Particle Method  
[AIAA-2010-0312] Chris Stone, Ph.D., Intelligent Light



## CFD on Future Architectures | Oct 2009 | DLR Braunschweig, DE

**Veloxi:** Unstructured CFD Solver on GPUs  
Jamil Appa, Ph.D., BAE Systems Advanced Technology Centre



**elsA:** Recent Results with elsA on Many-Cores  
Michel Gazaix and Steve Champagneux, ONERA / Airbus France



**Turbostream:** Turbostream: A CFD Solver for Many-Core Processors  
Tobias Brandvik, Ph.D., Whittle Lab, University of Cambridge



## Parallel CFD 2009 | May 2009 | NASA Ames, Moffett Field, CA, USA

**OVERFLOW:** Acceleration of a CFD Code with a GPU  
Dennis Jespersen, NASA Ames Research Center



# GPU Results for Grid-Based Continuum CFD

Success Demonstrated in Full Range of Time and Spatial Schemes

**Explicit**  
[usually compressible]



**TurboStream**



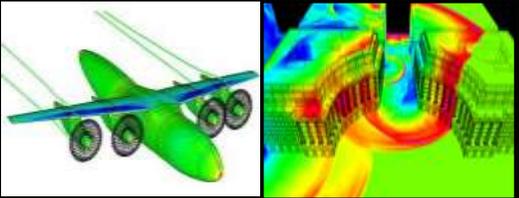
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~8x **FEFLO**



Aircraft aero    Bldg air blast

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**Internal flows**



**DNS**

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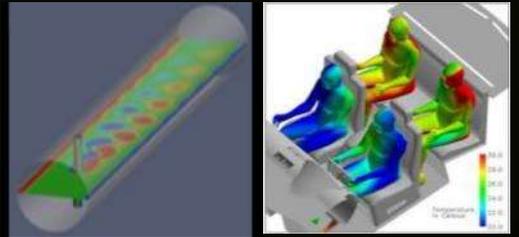
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*ISVs*



Chem mixer    Auto climate

**Structured Grid**

**Unstructured**

Speed-ups based on use of 4-core Xeon X5550 2.67 GHz

# Culises: New CFD Solver Library for OpenFOAM



GPU-based HPC for Fluid Dynamics



## Culises

**Aim :** Acceleration of CFD simulation

**A CUDA library for iterative solution of equation systems on GPUs**

### Features

- State-of-the art iterative solvers (Precond. CGs, Multigrid)
- Support of unstructured comput. meshes for efficient description of complex geon
- Support of single (4 byte) and double (8 byte) precision floating point numbers
- Interfaces to customer specific software packages (*OpenFOAM*,...)

### Benefits

- Acceleration of comput. expensive algorithms of existing customer software
- Significant reduction of computing times
- Increased resolution for improved detailing of the computer model of the real sys
- Porting complex software packages is avoided, but only the most expensive part:
- Repeated validation of complete software packages is avoided

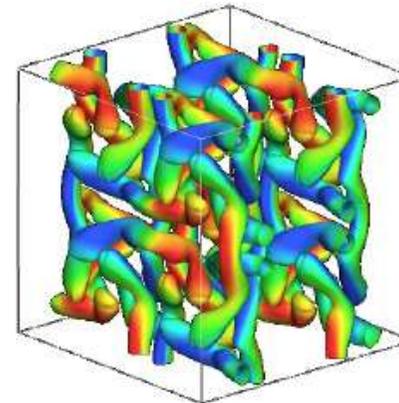
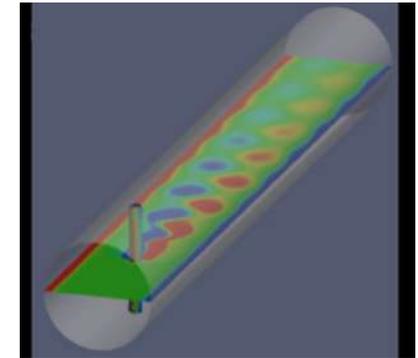
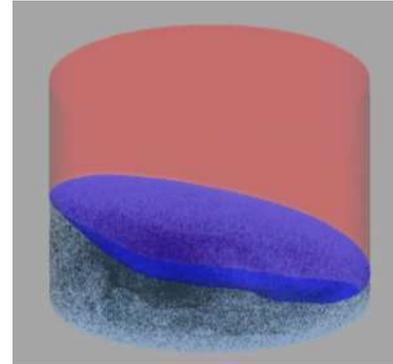


Fig 1: Taylor Green Vortex (iso-contours of Q-criterion colored by velocity)

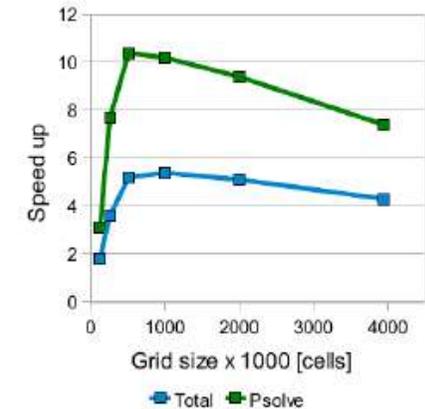
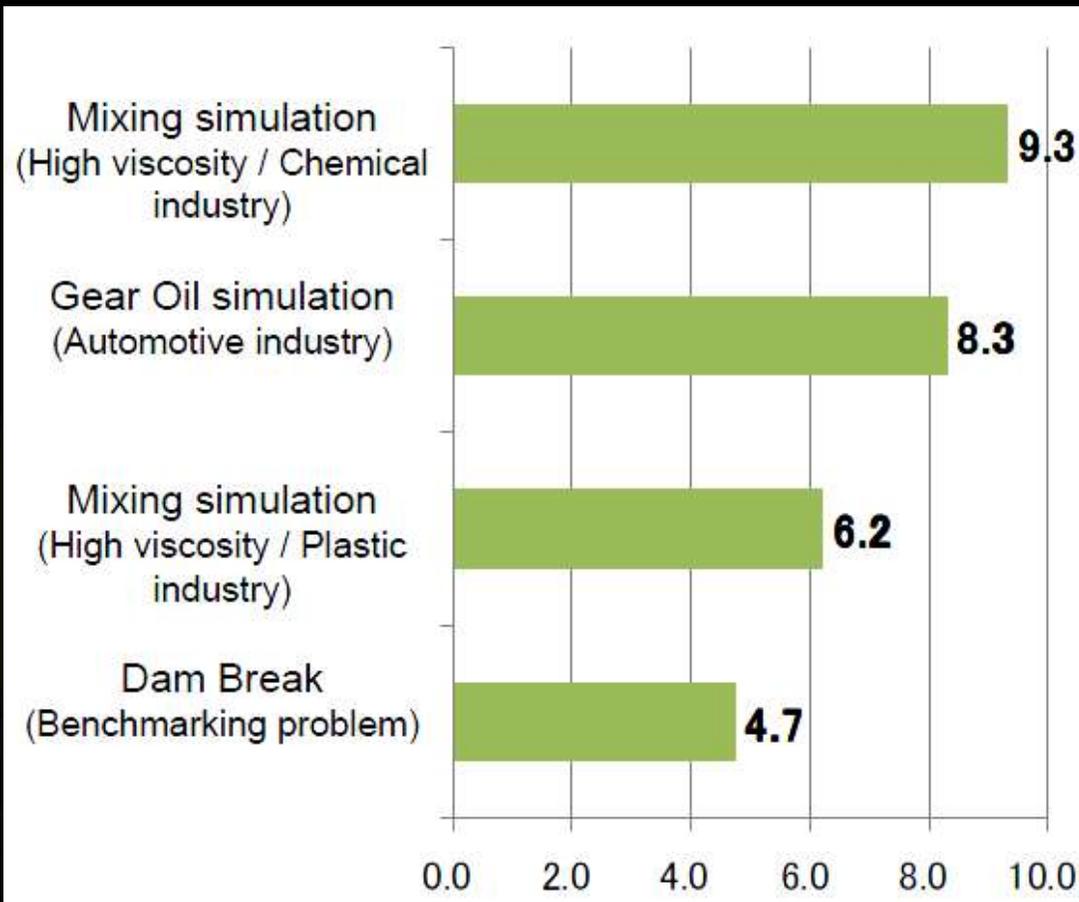


Fig 2: Acceleration of pressure solver 'Psolve' for hybrid GPU-CPU code compared to CPU-only code

# Prometech and Particle-Based CFD for Multi-GPUs



## Particleworks from Prometech Software



**MPS-based method developed at the University of Tokyo [Prof. Koshizuka]**

**Preliminary results for Particleworks 2.5 with release planned for 2011**

**Performance is relative to 4 cores of Intel i7 CPU**

**Contact Prometech for release details**

Reference 1.0 equals Intel Core i7 4cores

# IMPETUS AFEA Results for GPU Computing



## IMPETUS AFEA | SOLVER

An explicit Finite Element tool for full scale blast simulations

**Kinetic molecular theory for gases modified to handle high explosives**

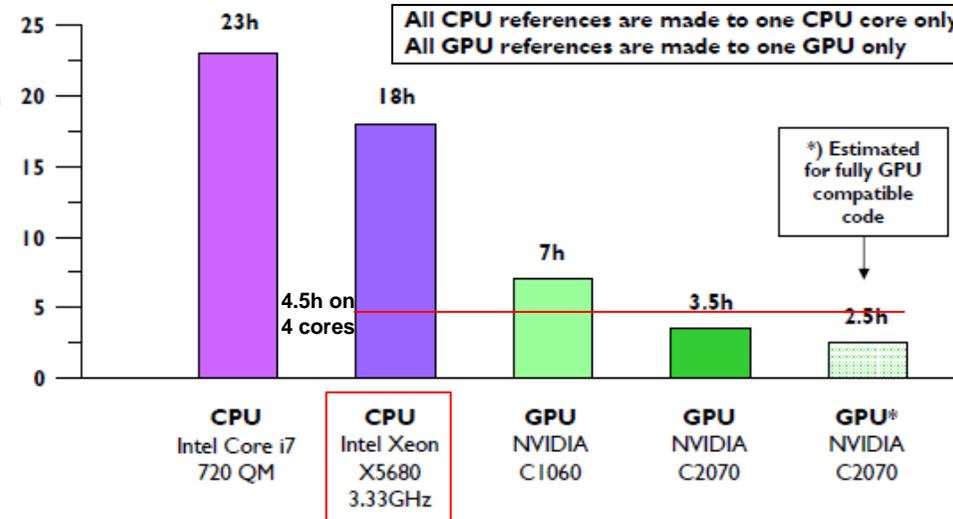
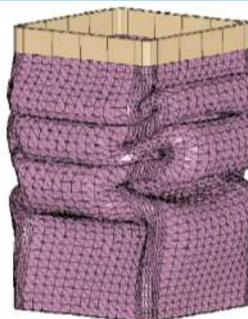
**Function to automatically merge disjoint meshes**

**Model info**

- 175,000 Finite Element nodes
- 3,000,000 soil particles
- 10,000 high explosive particles
- Duration of event 10 ms

**Automatic treatment of transition from low order to high order elements**

The soil is modelled as discrete grains that interact through a penalty based contact



# Summary of Engineering Code Progress for GPUs



- **GPUs are an Emerging HPC Technology for ISVs**
  - Industry Leading ISV Software is GPU-Enabled Today
- **Initial GPU Performance Gains are Encouraging**
  - Just the beginning of more performance and more applications
- **NVIDIA Continues to Invest in ISV Developments**
  - Joint technical collaborations at most Engineering ISVs



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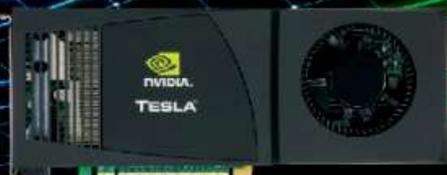
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